

Senate, he is someone who has given meaning to the values we cherish on a day like today—values of service, the value of peace over war, the value of integrity, and the value of trying to love one another the best we can.

TED KENNEDY has a long connection not just with the peace process and not just with the people of Ireland and his heritage, but his family has had a long connection with my home State of Pennsylvania—and not just on St. Patrick's Day but on a lot of other days. In fact, one of the reasons I highlighted Senator KENNEDY and am thinking of him tonight is because of all the work he has done on health care, on civil rights, on education, as well as issues as important as the peace process in Ireland.

I am also thinking of him tonight because of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, which has had many storied speakers, but one of the greatest speeches given at that dinner—really in the history of the American Irish—was given by then-Senator Robert Frances Kennedy of New York in 1964. So we are thinking tonight of the inspiration Senator Robert Kennedy provided to the American people, to the people of the State he served, New York, and to people across the country in his Presidential campaign in 1968 before his tragic assassination.

In a special way, I am thinking of the speech he gave not long after—literally just a few months after his brother, President Kennedy, was killed. I had the occasion a little more than a year ago to give an audio recording of that to Senator TED KENNEDY. I know he had heard of the speech and maybe even heard the actual recording, but I wanted to make sure he had a CD of that speech.

So we are thinking of him tonight and thinking of his family and the great sacrifice the Kennedy family has made for the American people; one as President, two in the Senate, and one of them in the Senate who served as Attorney General. That is just a highlight of the kind of service they have provided.

So on this St. Patrick's Day, we cherish the memory of so many things that are Irish, but we are also whispering a silent prayer for our country, whispering a prayer for the people of Ireland and for those who made this peace possible, people such as TED KENNEDY and George Mitchell, and others who worked so hard.

In this very special way today, I am grateful for the chance to be able to stand on the floor of the Senate and say that a friend of mine, a friend of Pennsylvania, and a proud son of Pittsburgh has been nominated by President Obama to be Ambassador to Ireland. That friend is Dan Rooney.

So congratulations, Dan. We are thinking of you and your family tonight as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, Senate Standing Rules XXVI requires each committee to adopt rules to govern the procedure of the committee and to publish those rules in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. On March 16, 2009, a majority of the members of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight adopted subcommittee rules of procedure.

Consistent with Standing Rule XXVI, today I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a copy of the rules of procedure of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

(1) SUBCOMMITTEE RULES.—The Subcommittee shall be governed, where applicable, by the rules of the full Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Standing Rules of the Senate.

(2) QUORUMS.

(A) TRANSACTION OF ROUTINE BUSINESS.—One-third of the membership of the Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of routine business, provided that one Member of the Minority is present. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "routine business" includes the convening of a meeting and the consideration of any business of the Subcommittee other than reporting to the full Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs any matters or recommendations. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the consideration or reporting of legislation.

(B) TAKING TESTIMONY.—One Member of the Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking sworn or unsworn testimony.

(C) PROXIES PROHIBITED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.—Proxies shall not be considered for the establishment of a quorum.

(3) SUBCOMMITTEE SUBPOENAS.—The Chairman of the Subcommittee, with the approval of the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses or the production of memoranda, documents, records, or any other materials at a hearing, provided that the Chairman may subpoena attendance or production without the approval of the Ranking Minority Member where the Chairman or a staff officer designated by him/her has not received notification from the Ranking Minority Member or a staff officer designated by him/her of disapproval of the subpoena within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, of being notified of the subpoena. If a subpoena is disapproved by the Ranking Minority Member as provided herein, the subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Subcommittee.

Immediately upon authorization of the issuance of a subpoena under these rules, a written notice of intent to issue the subpoena shall be provided to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, or staff officers designated by them, by the Subcommittee Chairman or a staff officer designated by him/her, and no subpoena shall be issued for at least 48 hours,

excluding Saturdays and Sundays, from delivery to the appropriate offices, unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs waive the 48-hour waiting period or unless the Subcommittee Chairman certifies in writing to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee that, in his or her opinion, it is necessary to issue a subpoena immediately.

When the Subcommittee or its Chairman authorizes subpoenas, subpoenas may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or any other Member of the Subcommittee designated by the Chairman.

MOLDOVA PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, with the coming parliamentary elections scheduled for April 5, Moldova is once again at a crucial juncture in its domestic political development.

In recent years, Moldova's cooperation with the United States has deepened, with steady progress through the initial stages of the Millennium Challenge Threshold Program, which promises to bring significant material assistance to Moldova in the near future. Additionally, Moldova has advanced in its quest for greater European integration. To continue to build upon and consolidate these positive developments, it is crucial that the current campaign and voting on April 5 be conducted in a manner consistent with Moldova's commitment to meeting OSCE election standards.

Since achieving independence in 1991, Moldova has had a generally positive record in conducting and respecting the results of free elections. However, there have been shortcomings and it is essential that Moldova avoid repeating practices that have drawn criticism in previous contests.

Specifically, national and local authorities must make every effort to ensure a level and transparent playing field for all candidates during the campaign and avoid the use of administrative resources to hamper political rivals. It is also important that the authorities make efforts to ensure access to the media for all candidates and representatives of political parties. Finally, law enforcement bodies must safeguard the public's basic right to freely and publicly assemble to express their views in a peaceable manner.

As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, I would underscore the importance that all involved in Moldova's upcoming parliamentary elections ensure compliance with international norms. This is crucial, not only for the future of democratic reform in Moldova, but also for the country's further economic development and progress along its chosen path of European integration.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with